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SUBJECT: ENGINEERING FOUNDATION CONFERENCE, SANTA BARBARA
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1. THE ENGINEERING FOUNDATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED IN 1914 AS A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED ENGINEERING TRUSTEES, INC. OVER THE YEARS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUNDATION HAVE BEEN LARGELY CONCENTRATED ON FUNDING ENGINEERING RESEARCH BY SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING. THE ENGINEERING FOUNDATION CONFERENCES WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1962 TO EXPAND THE KNOWLEDGE IN AREAS WHICH WERE BELIEVED TO BE GAPS IN ENGINEERING AND DEVELOP A BETTER INTERFACE BETWEEN ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES AND THE NATURAL SCIENCES. DOT HAS PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS CONFERENCES AND CONSIDERED THEM VERY WORTHWHILE. HEDGES RECOMMENDED THAT HITCHCOCK BE INVITED BECAUSE HE DESIGNED THE URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT STUDIES IN THREE CITIES IN THE UK, AND IS THE ONE MOST QUALIFIED TO SUMMARIZE, INTERPRET AND EVALUATE THE METHODOLOGY AND FINDINGS. AS HITCHCOCK IS RECOGNIZED AS AN AUTHORITY ON URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT IN BOTH THE U.K.

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AND NATO, IT IS BELIEVED HE WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY

TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

2. AN INVITATION TO SPEAK AT THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN
EXTENDED TO SECRETARY COLEMAN BUT AT THIS TIME IT IS NOT
KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL ACCEPT. PEOPLE OF SEVERAL
COUNTRIES OF COMPARABLE RANK WITH HITCHCOCK HAVE ALSO
BEEN INVITED. KISSINGER

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